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Dear Mr. Zerrenner:

In accordance with our responsibilities under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing NEPA, the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6 office in Dallas, Texas, has completed its review of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Williamson County Regional Habitat Conservation Plan. The preferred alternative would emphasize a comprehensive plan for species incidental take permits within Williamson County. EPA encourages holistic effort such as the RHCP/EIS, which is a more positive approach than "piecemealing" individual take permits in Environmental Assessments.

EPA rates the DEIS as "LO," i.e., EPA has "**Lack of Objections**" to the proposed action as described in the DEIS. Our classification will be published in the Federal Register according to our responsibility under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act to inform the public of our views on the proposed Federal actions. If you have any questions, please contact, Dr. Sharon L. Osowski of my staff at 214-665-7506 or by email at osowski.sharon@epa.gov.

EPA appreciates the opportunity to review the DEIS. Please send our office two copies of the FEIS when it is sent to the Office of Federal Activities, EPA (Mail Code 2252A), Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, D. C. 20460.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Cathy Gilmore", is written over the typed name.

Cathy Gilmore, Chief
Office of Planning and
Coordination (6EN-XP)